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		HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING AND DISK RECORDING/REPRODUCING
		APPARATUS HAVING A VENT INSIDE A FIXED SHAFT

**AMENDMENT**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2006. This paper is being filed within the third month after the shortened statutory period set for a response to the Office Action. A Petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this paper. If any additional fee is due, charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 208861.0484).

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to and Listing of the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks and Conclusion** begin on page 8 of this paper.